

Providence, Nov. 19, 1835.

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My dear Knapp:

I arrived here safely last evening, a few minutes past 5, having experienced less fatigue than on any previous journey. Very little conversation was made by any of the passengers, for it is much more difficult to make one's self heard in a rail-car than in a stage-coach. There were two ladies in our car - one a fat dowager-looking female - the other younger and less corpulent - probably mother and daughter. As we were stopping a few moments at Canton, a gentleman somewhat jocosely expressed his surprise to them, that they had not waited and attended the Ladies' Anti-Slavery meeting that afternoon. "Oh," said they, quite emphatically, "we are not anti-slavery." I wanted to say to them - but the fear of being thought impertinent kept me from intruding upon their conversation - "What! not anti-slavery? Do you mean to say that you are in favor of slavery? Or what do you mean? If you are not anti-slavery, then you are for concubinage, pollution, robbery, cruelty; then you are for making merchandize of God's image, for setting aside the forms and obligations of marriage, for darkening the human intellect, and debasing the soul. Certainly, you must be either very ignorant or very inhuman." Not anti-slavery! How it sounds in the ears of a genuine republican! How the Autocrat of Russia would exult to hear such a sentiment from the lips of American women! There are those, however, - thanks be to God, - who are anti-slavery - high-souled, intellectual, courageous, devout females, and I long to know how their meeting, yesterday, went off - whether any disturbance was made, and how many were present - &c. &c.



Our Providence friends are decidedly of opinion, that we ought to publish Mr. Phelps's letter, respecting the Kaufman affair, either by itself, or appended in a note to our forth-coming vindication of Mr. Thompson's character. I think so too - for it is surprising to learn, how extensively Kaufman's unfounded and ridiculous accusation obtains credence. As to Professor Gregg's statement, as it was written without his having seen Kaufman's letter, I do not think we are called upon to publish it - nor, indeed, are we obligated to publish Phelps's, but that is so explicit and so positive, it ought to be given to the public without delay.

The pro-slavery meeting in this city is universally regarded as a complete failure, and has operated visibly and decidedly in favor of our cause. Already, four hundred excellent names, from twenty of the thirty towns in the State, have been obtained to the call for the State A. S. Convention in February - and brother George is sanguine that the list will rise as high as seven hundred! This will beat the Utica call, of the empire State of New-York, by nearly one half! Well done Rhode-Island! no longer little, but great! But this is sub rosa.

George was rejoiced to get the bundle I bought. He thinks it probable more may be wanted, and will let you know speedily.

To-morrow morning, I shall leave for Brooklyn. Give my kind regards to Mrs. Thompson, and to the rest of the friends - and believe me

Ever your affectionate friend,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Mr. Isaac Knapp.



N. B. There is an allusion in Mr. May's vindication of Mr. T., which, on reflection, I think ought not to be made. It is where we make the confession, that "Mr. T. has made an explanation of the affair to us." I do not think we ought to say so — for the public will eagerly demand of us, what was his explanation? It will not satisfy them to say — "It will not be regarded, if we give it." The best way is to say nothing, directly or indirectly, about it — it is enough that we refer the whole matter to those who sent Mr. T. out to us. I hope this suggestion will be duly considered by the Board.

If this arrives seasonably, put the following items in the Liberator, unless you have something to the same purport already in type:



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